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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

(Attention: Director, Office of Libraries and Intelligence
Acquisition)

SUBJECT: Embassy Comments on NIE's

1. We acknowledge receipt of the following field
comments on National Intelligence Estimates since 1 March 1953.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Embassy Commenting</u>
NIE-21/1	Moscow
NIE-64 (Part I)/1	Moscow
NIE-64 (Part II)	Moscow
NIE-73	Beirut
"	Cairo
"	Damascus
"	Moscow
"	Tehran
NIE-76	Cairo

2. These comments, individually and collectively, are
very welcome and are most helpful to this Office when estimates
are again scheduled which go over similar ground.

3. Meanwhile we study them with profit and make them
available to the intelligence community at large to serve as
notice of controversial issues to research and collection
activities as well as to those responsible for making estimates.

4. As a standard procedure, we suggest that you not
await comment from this Office in each case before making your
customary acknowledgment to the field.

5. You will appreciate the fact that very seldom will
it be profitable to get a coordinated rebuttal to a field
comment since the work-load on the intelligence community

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would be prohibitive. From time to time, however, we will forward ONE Board or Staff comment for such disposition as you think proper.

6. Again, thank you for your cooperation in securing these valuable field opinions and judgments.

**Acting Assistant Director
National Estimates**

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